

543B.7 Acts excluded from provisions.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the sale, exchange, purchase, rental, lease, or advertising of any real estate in any of the following cases:

1. A person who, as owner, spouse of an owner, general partner of a limited partnership, lessor, or prospective purchaser who does not make repeated and successive transactions of a like character, or through another engaged by such person on a regular full-time basis, buys, sells, manages, or otherwise performs any act with reference to property owned, rented, leased, or to be acquired by such person.

2. By any person acting as attorney in fact under a duly executed and acknowledged power of attorney from the owner, to act on behalf of the owner or lessor to authorize the final consummation and execution of any contract for the sale, leasing, or exchange of real estate. The exclusion in this subsection does not apply to a person who, in the regular course of a business operated in the nature of a property management or brokerage business, makes repeated and successive transactions of a like character for compensation.

3. A licensed attorney admitted to practice in Iowa acting solely as an incident to the practice of law.

4. A person acting as a receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, administrator, executor, guardian, or while acting under court order or under authority of a deed of trust, trust agreement, or will.

5. The acts of an auctioneer in conducting a public sale or auction. The auctioneer's role must be limited to establishing the time, place, and method of an auction; advertising the auction including a brief description of the property for auction and the time and place for the auction; and crying the property at the auction. The auctioneer shall provide in any advertising the name and address of the real estate broker who is providing brokerage services for the transaction and the name of the real estate broker or attorney who is responsible for closing the sale of the property. The real estate broker providing brokerage services shall be present at the time of the auction and, if found to be in violation of this subsection, shall be subject to a civil penalty of two thousand five hundred dollars. If the auctioneer closes or attempts to close the sale of the property or otherwise engages in acts defined in sections 543B.3 and 543B.6, then the requirements of this chapter do apply to the auctioneer. If an investigation pursuant to this chapter reveals that an auctioneer has violated this subsection or has assumed to act in the capacity of a real estate broker or real estate salesperson, the real estate commission may issue a cease and desist order, and shall issue a warning letter notifying the auctioneer of the violation for the first offense, and impose a penalty of up to the greater of ten thousand dollars or ten percent of the real estate sales price for each subsequent violation.

6. An isolated real estate rental transaction by an owner's representative on behalf of the owner; such transaction not being made in the course of repeated and successive transactions of a like character.

7. The sale of time-share uses as defined in section 557A.2.

8. A person acting as a resident manager when such resident manager resides in the dwelling and is engaged in the leasing of real property in connection with their employment.

9. An officer or employee of the federal government, state government, or a political subdivision of the state, in the conduct of the officer's or employee's official duties.

10. A person employed by a public or private utility who performs an act with reference to property owned, leased, or to be acquired by the utility employing that person, where such an act is performed in the regular course of, or incident to, the management of the property and the investment in the property.

11. A nonlicensed employee of a licensee who provides information to another licensee concerning the sale, exchange, purchase, rental, lease, or advertising of real estate which has been provided to the employee by the employer licensee either verbally or in writing.

[C31, 35, §1905-c26; C39, §1905.23; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §117.7]

83 Acts, ch 43, §1; 85 Acts, ch 155, §21

C93, §543B.7

95 Acts, ch 170, §5; 96 Acts, ch 1054, §1; 99 Acts, ch 82, §1; 2001 Acts, ch 83, §1; 2004 Acts, ch 1018, §1; 2005 Acts, ch 101, §1; 2006 Acts, ch 1055, §2